U.S. Army Recruiting Command

AMEDD Enlisted Commissioning Program

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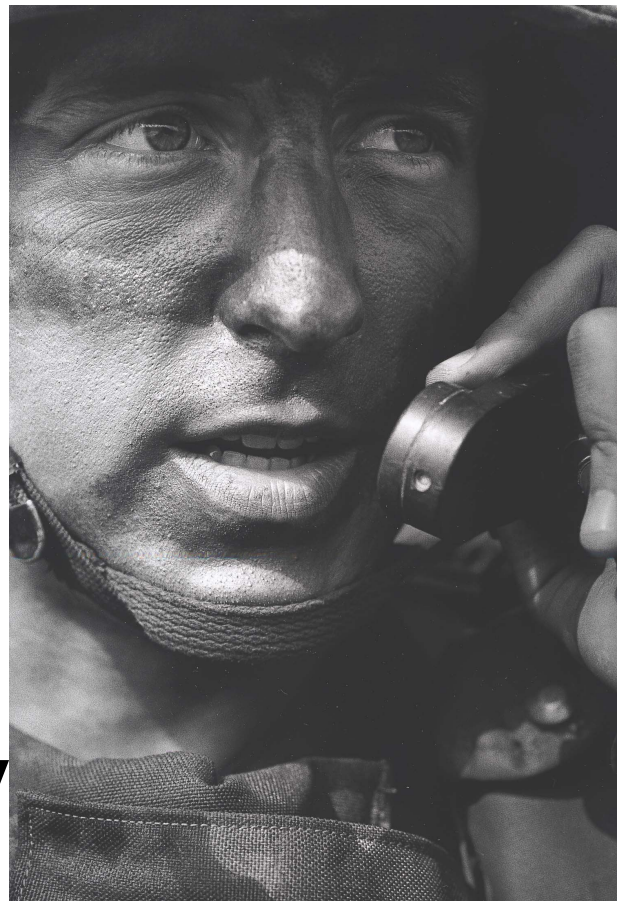
The AMEDD Enlisted Commissioning Program (AECP)

Provides eligible soldiers the opportunity to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN) within 24 calendar months, become a registered nurse and commissioned in the Army Nurse Corps (ANC). Participants receive their current pay and allowances during school. Academic costs during the 24 month enrollment are funded by the program.

PROGRAM HISTORY

- **1990: The AECP was approved for soldiers in MOS 91C only**
- **1992: Opened to all 91 series MOS's**
- **1994: Opened to all Enlisted MOS's**
- **Currently, a maximum of 85 soldiers may be funded annually to participate in the program**



PREREQUISITES

- **Must be an enlisted member of the active component, U.S. Army, with a minimum of 3 years time in service at the time of application (may be waived)**
- **Must be accepted to an NLN/CCNE accredited nursing program and graduate within 24 calendar months (Summers included)**
- **Must start school in the FY selected (August/September only)**

PREREQUISITES (continued)

- **Must be eligible for an appointment as a commissioned officer in the USAR in accordance with AR 135-100 and AR 135-101 and 40-501 (chapter 2)**
- **Must meet current HRC policy for “Time on Station” (TOS 12 months); Human Resources Command (HRC) clearance will be initiated for those selected to participate**
- **Must have no more than 10 years active federal service upon commissioning (waivers may be considered for soldiers anticipated to have 12 years TIS upon commissioning)**

PREREQUISITES (continued)

- **Tuition must not exceed $3,000 per semester or $2,250 per quarter (no Pell grants or MGIB)**

- **Minimum 15 semester hours in Fall and Spring semesters, 9 semester hours in Summer semester.**

- **Soldiers will receive full pay and benefits in their current grade while enrolled in the program**

- **Clinical and academic curricula must be taught in English**

- **May only apply to schools that have a current Educational Service Agreement (ESA).**

Boarding Dates

- **FY Boards- August every year**

- **Packets must be postmarked 1 July, every year**

- **Results will be posted on a MILPER message ONLY AFTER Human Resources Command (HRC) has cleared all selects (normally 1st week of September following board)**

Important Documents

DA 61 Application for Appointment

- **Block Commissioned Officer-Army Reserve**
- **Block 2: AR 135-100 and AR 135-101**
- **Block 6: “1” AN “66H”**
- **Block 18: Permanent Address(Home of Record)**
- **Block 19: Current Address (Not “same as block 18”)**
- **Block 42: Sign and Date**

Microfiche: Contact the Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center, Customer Support Branch. Email: custsupt@erec.army.mil or fax 317-510-3361 (DSN 699). You must include the following: Name, Rank, SSN, address where microfiche will be sent, reason for submission (AECP Board)

MILPO Statement: Must have all

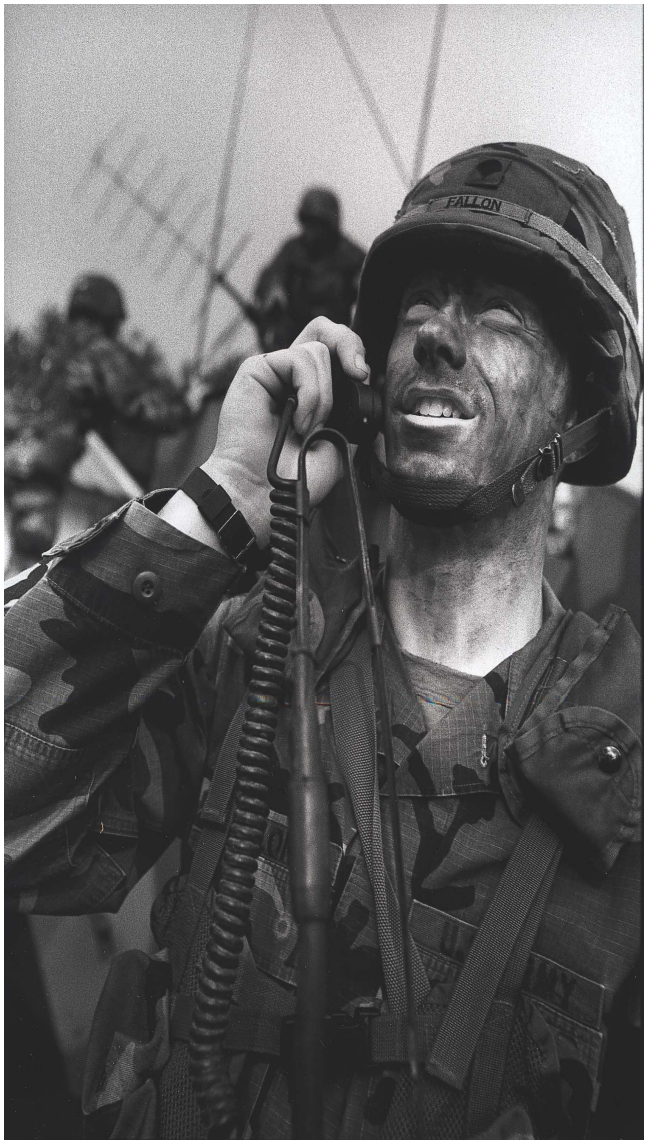
Important Documents (con't)

- **Enlisted Review Brief (ERB)**
  - **Update and verify with signature**
- **School Letter**
  - **Unconditional or Conditional must have dates that soldier will start school and anticipated graduation from the BSN program.**
  - **Must have a course breakdown by semester along with cost of each semester included in board packet.**
- **Applicants letter of understanding**
  - **Active voice and clear.**
  - **Punctuation and grammar is very important.**

COMMAND AND CONTROL

- **AMEDD Student Detachment: Fort Sam Houston Texas. Personnel administration, commissioning and UCMJ authority**

- **AN Branch (USAREC) - Selection boards, program enrollment, academic tracking, enforcement of program policy.**



While Attending School

- 2125's sent to the Program Manager at the end of every semester
- Maintain military bearing (you are still a soldier)
- Report any problems immediately to Program Manager
- Send in accessioning documents prior to beginning your final semester (no earlier than 6 months prior to starting OBC)
- Update any changes in status (physically, mentally, morally)
- Report changes of address, email and phone numbers immediately to Program

AECP Accessioning

- **Soldier's are eligible for 1 of 4 course guarantees (Critical Care (ER or ICU), OB/GYN, Psych/Mental Health, Perioperative)**

- **AECP Program Manager coordinates assignments with HRC upon receiving all accessioning documents**

- **Assigned to 1 of 4 OBC dates based on date of NCLEX "PASS" time frame**

Our Challenges

- **Failure of a class (not informing Program Manager immediately) (extensions are not guaranteed)**
- **Not sending in 2125 Report to Training Agency (every semester)**
- **Not completing prerequisites (after being accepted into the program)**

Our Challenges (con't)

- **Not receiving UNCONDITIONAL letter of acceptance from school (after being accepted into the program)**
- **Not updating personal information (contact information)**

CONTACT INFORMATION

- **All questions regarding the Army Enlisted Commissioning Program (AECP) may be directed to SFC Charles Bradshaw, Program Manager at: (800)223-3735 extension 60381**

- **E-mail address: aecp@usarec.army.mil**
  - **E-mail is the best means of communication.**
- **www.usarec.army.mil/aecp/**
- **www.healthcare.goarmy.com**
- **www.armymedicine.army.mil/otsg/nurse**

Prerequisite Courses

(vary from school to school)

- Humanities Electives
- Music, Theater, or Art
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Sociology
- Cultural Anthropology
- Biology with lab
- Anatomy with lab
- Physiology with lab
- General chemistry with
- Microbiology with lab
- Introduction to physics
- Human growth and development
- Nutrition
- Statistics
- Unrestricted Electives

The NCLEX
What is it?

The National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) has one purpose: To determine if it is safe for you to begin practice as an entry level nurse. It is different from any test that you have ever took in nursing school. Nursing school exams are knowledge based. The NCLEX, however, is application based. You will be tested on how you use your critical thinking skills to make nursing judgements.

QUESTIONS ?